

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Natural Resource Commission**

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**DECISION**

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**TOPIC**Hardwood Timber Sale Falcon Springs Wildlife Area

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The Natural Resource Commission is asked to approve the sale of an estimated 77,990 board feet of mixed hardwood trees at the Falcon Springs Wildlife Area. The sale consists of 734 trees.

<b><u>Species</u></b>	<b><u># of Trees</u></b>	<b><u>Bd. Ft./Tree</u></b>	<b><u>Total Bd. Ft.</u></b>
Red, Black Oak	306	171	52,460
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Red Elm	14	127	1,780
Basswood	3	157	470
Ash	1	70	70
Cherry	6	140	840
Hickory	28	78	2,190
Walnut	42	119	4,980
Hackberry	2	90	180
Butternut	1	110	110
Cottonwood, Aspen	18	153	2,760
Culls	202		
Totals	734		77,990

The harvests will accomplish 13 acres of early successional habitat and 5 acres of clearcuts which will be re-planted with native oak seedlings. These management practices are in accordance with the Falcon Springs Forest Stewardship Plan, approved December 2009. The harvesting is being conducted specifically to improve habitat for game and non-game wildlife species including: ruffed grouse, woodcock, deer, turkey, warblers, cuckoo and eastern towhee.

A natural areas inventory was conducted, and there are no known threatened and endangered species in the harvest area. Wildlife den trees will not be marked and will be left standing. Best management practices (BMP's) will apply to the site. No tops or harvesting residue will be left in adjacent waterways. Harvesting is to occur only when ground is firm or frozen to minimize soil disturbance. Skid trails and landing areas will be repaired following the harvest. No skid trails will be allowed in the SMA (within 50 feet of the adjacent waterway) except at designated stream crossings.

The following bids were received for the sale:

<b>Company</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Amount of Bid</b>
Jones Wood Heating and Logging	McGregor, IA	\$30,030.00
Grau Logs and Lumber, Inc.	Elkader, IA	\$28,315.00
Dan Jones Logging	Waterville, IA	\$27,690.00
Charles Downs	Fayette, IA	\$24,441.00
Buffalo Lumber and Tie Company	Fountain City, WI	\$15,250.50

The Commission is requested to approve a contract with the high bidder, Jones Wood Heating and Logging for \$30,030.00

Paul Tauke, Forestry Bureau Chief  
Conservation and Recreation Division  
February 11, 2010

Attachment: Notice of Timber for Sale (including map)

#### **Notice of Timber For Sale**

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is soliciting competitive bids from bonded Timber Buyers to purchase, cut, and remove standing timber at Falcon Springs Wildlife Area in Winneshiek County, Iowa. Falcon Springs is located approximately 4 miles west of Decorah on the Pole Line Road.

**Description of Work and Scope of Services:** The State of Iowa is offering approximately 77,990 board feet (Scribner) of timber in 734 trees as shown below. The trees are all marked with blue paint. There is an additional 202 cull trees marked with a blue "X". These trees may be harvested, but are not included in the board foot volume of the sale. The trees are located on areas as shown on the enclosed map. Buyers should satisfy themselves by examination as to the quality and quantity of timber offered. The timber is accessible through state land.

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Timber Buyer shall avoid any unnecessary damage to trees that are not marked for cutting.

Cutting is permitted only during the period of August 1<sup>st</sup> to March 15<sup>th</sup>, with the exclusion of no harvesting activities during the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> shotgun deer hunting seasons. It is the responsibility of Timber Buyer to obtain permission from DNR's Project Manager prior to working in the area.

Iowa Forestry Best Management Practices must be followed. An Iowa Forestry Best Management Practices Guide is available upon request from the Iowa DNR Forestry Bureau by calling (515) 281-5441. Streams, roads and trails shall remain free of logging debris.

Motor vehicles and logging equipment shall be operated only in designated areas. All logs shall be skid on designated trails, and decked and loaded in designated areas. All skid trails and decking areas shall be returned to satisfactory condition by Timber Buyer once the operation is complete. ***Logging and hauling can take place only when the ground is firm or frozen, and crops must be out of the field. All wood must be removed from the fields.***

**Proposed Project Schedule:**

Trees must be completely removed from the site no later than (24 months from contract date).

**Submission of Proposals:** Proposals shall include a bid proposal including the total amount bid for the offered timber, signature, date, printed name and organization name of the Timber Buyer on the enclosed bid proposal form.

Bonded Timber Buyers shall submit proposals to DNR at the following address:

Gary Beyer, District Forester  
621 Beck Street  
Charles City, Iowa 50616  
641/228-6611 (office)  
319/240-6426 (cell)

All bids must be submitted as lump sum bids for all trees marked, sealed in an envelope, and marked "***Falcon Springs Timber Sale***". For the proposal to be considered timely, it must be received by DNR no later than 1:00 PM on January 22, 2010. Any proposal received after this deadline will be rejected and returned to the Timber Buyer. The costs of preparation and delivery of the bid proposal are solely the responsibility of the Timber Buyer.

From the date of issuance of this Notice of Timber for Sale until announcement of the successful Timber Buyer, Timber Buyers may not contact any employee of the State of Iowa about this Bid Notice other than the identified contact person. Timber Buyers may submit written questions relating to the interpretation of this Notice and the procurement process to Gary Beyer at the above address by no later than 1:00 PM, January 15, 2010. Written responses to any questions received will be provided to all potential Timber Buyers. Any attempt to discuss this Notice orally or in writing with any members of the DNR evaluation committee, or any employee of the State of Iowa other than the above-named DNR official, will lead to disqualification of that Timber Buyer.

**Payment:**

The successful Timber Buyer shall make full payment upon signing the Contract. No cutting of timber will be permitted until the Contract has been signed and full payment made to DNR.

**Acceptance Attached Contract Terms and Conditions:**

By submitting a proposal, each Timber Buyer acknowledges its acceptance of the terms and conditions of the contract located at <http://www.iowadnr.gov/forestry/timbersales.html>. If a Timber Buyer takes exception to a provision, it must state the reason for the exception and set forth in its proposal the specific contract language it proposes to include in place of the provision. Exceptions that materially change these terms or the requirements of this Notice of Timber for Sale may be deemed non-responsive by the DNR,

as determined in its sole discretion, resulting in possible disqualification of Timber Buyer's proposal. With regard to the contract, DNR and the successful Timber Buyer may agree to modifications to the terms of the contract as necessary to negotiate the terms of a contract. A Timber Buyer's failure to state an exception to any provision and propose alternative language may be deemed by the DNR to constitute Timber Buyer's acceptance thereof. DNR reserves the right to refuse to enter into a contract with the successful Timber Buyer for any reason, even after delivery of notice of selection or intent to award a contract.

**Miscellaneous Information:** The DNR reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, in whole or in part, to advertise for new proposals, and to cancel this Notice at any time prior to the execution of the written contract.

All information submitted by a Timber Buyer may be treated as a public record by the DNR unless the Timber Buyer properly requests that the information be treated as confidential information in accordance with the public records laws of the State of Iowa at the time its proposal is submitted.

### **BID PROPOSAL**

Timber Buyer's Proposal shall include an all-inclusive, total price in U.S. Dollars (including all travel, expenses, etc.) for the timber offered.

Amount Bid for 734 trees with an estimated 77,990 board feet of timber on the Falcon Springs Wildlife Area.

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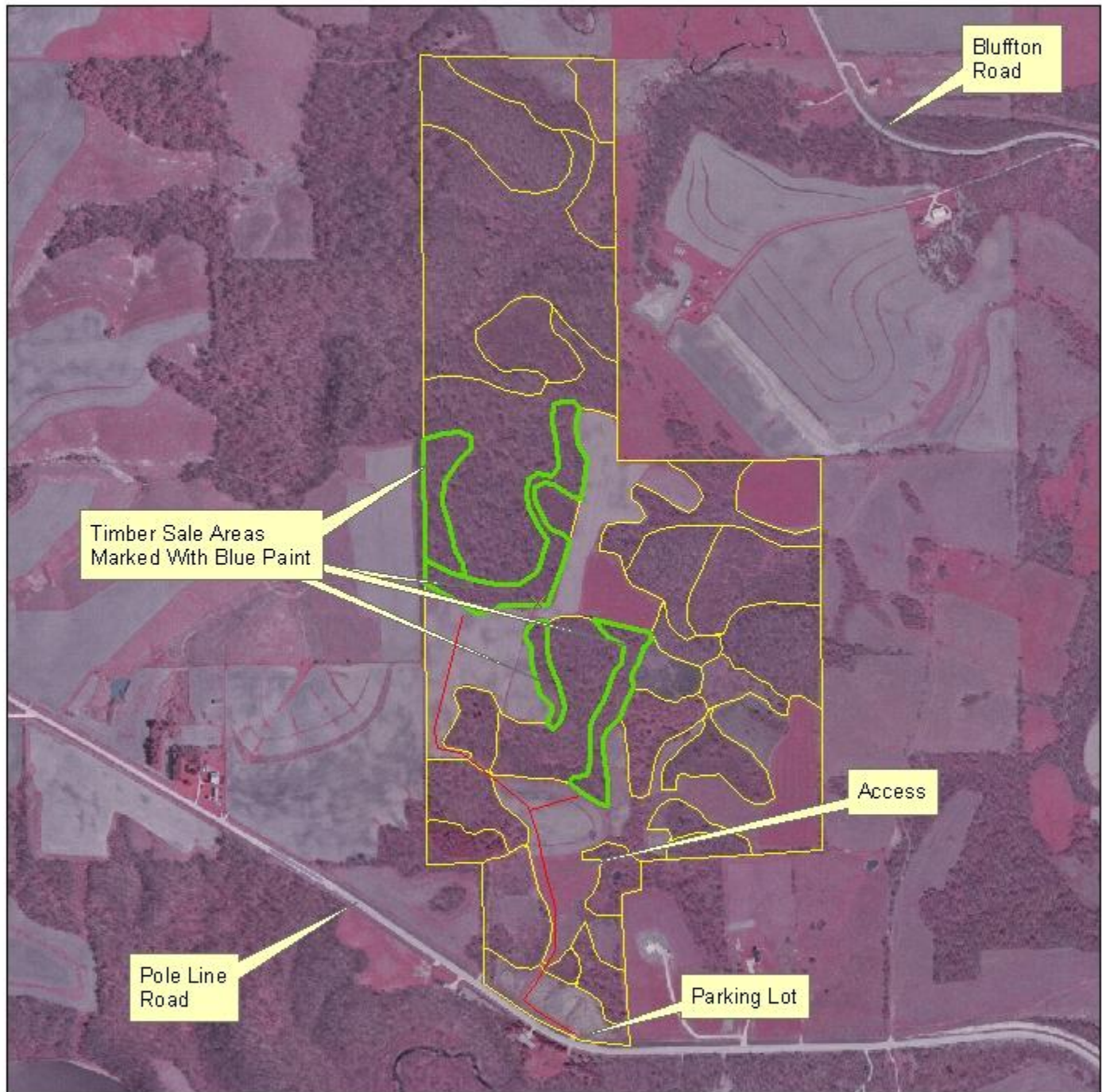
Signature:\_\_\_\_\_

Date:\_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name and Title:\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Vendor Organization:\_\_\_\_\_

**TIMBER SALE ON FALCON SPRINGS**  
**734 TREES - 77,990 BD. FT.**  
**MARKED WITH BLUE PAINT**



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